

DOUAI PARK RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Trustee Statement 2024

The Trustees meet four times a year to review that the Management Committee running of Douai Park is within the aims and objectives of the constitution. The finances are always reviewed to ensure viability with consideration of fund raising events and grants being sought if required. The Risk Management of the charity is specifically referenced to financial viability and succession planning. The Trustees have to consider how the Park and Pavilion can be run in the future by employed staff and volunteers. Discussions with other institutions are taking place to ensure Douai Park Recreation Association can maintain these excellent facilities for decades to come

Currently the regularly bookings combined with one off events make the financial position sustainable. Over the year a variety of cost savings have been achieved, especially with energy savings as electricity tariffs have been high.

The Pavilion

The use of the Pavilion is successfully continuing with regular bookings that include yoga, pilates, Film Club and DPRA arrange events for the community that include Friday night Socials, Speakers and Dinners, Quizzes, carol Singing. The Pavilion also brings in revenue through Sports' Clubs events, Douai Old Boy lunches and lectures, Parties, children's and adults and wakes with all them being organised and staffed by volunteers mainly the Trustees.

The Park

The playing facilities are continually improving with new equipment obtained by grants and fund raising being used to maintain the grass surfaces and the cricket square has a new irrigation system.

The tennis court surfaces have also been improved, old fencing replaced and an on-line pay & play system introduced for non-members.

The Park is maintained by three paid part-time staff and volunteers. Founding clubs, who have priority use of the Park work hard to obtain grants to purchase machinery that ensures hire charges are kept at reasonable levels.

The football pitches are extensively used and predominantly by Thatcham Tornadoes FC, one of the founding members with girls and boys playing every weekend in the autumn and winter. Ages range from 7 to virtually 70 with a veteran team. Berkshire Girls also play home fixtures at Douai and the Park also hosts an eighty team girls' tournament.

The cricket pitch has a complete set of bookings throughout the summer. Theale & Tilehurst CC play their 1st & 2nd teams every Saturday with them also using Sundays as well. Woolhampton CC play matches, as well as a midweek team, Berkshire Girls and Lord Taverners charity match.

The tennis club oversee the six courts and they are used by team members, coaching at weekends, two schools and the local community.

Woolhampton C of E Primary School regularly use the Park throughout the year that includes, football coaching, cricket tournaments, weekly mile runs, sports day and PTA events.

Elstree School also uses the Park for cricket and tennis coaching with the staff using the Pavilion the social occasions.

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1st APRIL 2023 - 31st MARCH 2024

INCOME year end 31.03.24		INCOME year end 31.03.23	
Pitch Hire	14244	Pitch Hire	12836
Bar Income BAE	0	Bar Income BAE	150
BAE Events	0	BAE Events	640
DPRA FNBS & Events	20414	DPRA FNBS & Events	9552
DPRA Jubilee event	0	DPRA Jubilee event	2861
Room Hire	11388	Room Hire	6823
Other income	1561	Other income	550
Grants awarded	37770	Grants awarded	2000
Donations for DPRA	2000	Donations for DPRA	1019
SSE: FIT/RHI	1169	SSE: FIT/RHI	735
88546		37166	
EXPENDITURE year end 31.03.24		EXPENDITURE year end 31.03.23	
Heat & Light	10550	Heat & Light	2900
Internet, Website	937	Internet, Website	287
Water	128	Water	0
Licences	656	Licences	643
Cost of Jubilee Event	0	Cost of Jubilee Event	1340
Cost of DPRA Events	13562	Cost of Events	4334
Audit fee	51	Audit fee	50
Repairs to Grds Equipment	2189	Repairs to Grds Equipment	1084
Grounds Maintenance	8347	Grounds Maintenance	13769
Premises Mice & Eqt	4057	Premises Mice & Eqt	1357
Rent Payable	200	Rent Payable	400
Insurance	2662	Insurance	2203
New equipment	54873	New equipment	0
Contingency Fund	2000	Contingency Fund	2000
Donations paid out	2000	Donations paid out	3034
Cleaning Costs	1353	Cleaning Costs	1304
103564		34705	
Deficit	-15018	Surplus for year	2461
Opening Balance as at 1st April 23		Opening Balance as at 1st April 22	
Bank	42846	Bank	40385
Cash	10	Cash	10
42856		40395	
Deficit for Current Year	-15018	Surplus for Year	2461
27838		42856	
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Bank	27018	Bank	42846
Debtors	810	Debtors	0
Cash	10	Cash	10
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Independent Examiner Statement

I, David Carter ACMA/CGMA have completed an independent review of the Accounts (as represented above) of Douai Park Recreation Association and confirm that the above represents a true statement of the Income and Expenditure.

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